

Magic Number Is 5

Compton's Tarabes continue to roll through Coast League opposition, moving toward a new CIF, SS, win streak record. Garden Grove and Claremont maintain their battle in the "AAA" prep basketball poll. Coach Bill Armstrong's Compton Tababes need to win only four games to tie the 53-game record. In the "AAAA" "Top Ten" several teams traded places as a result of upsets in weekend action. Pasadena fell from its second-

ranked position to fifth, after a two-point loss to Muir. Sunny Hills, which had held down the third position, dropped to eighth after suffering a 68-46 defeat at the hands of cross-town rival Troy. Ventura and Chaffey both jumped to positions to fill the third and fourth-place spots on the "AAAA" ballot, while North Torrance and Huntington Beach moved up one place, to sixth and seventh, and Covina and Notre Dame held No. 9 and 10.

On the "AAA" ledger, Aviation dropped one notch after bowing to fourth-rated Beverly Hills, 84-74. Nogales (15-4) moved into Aviation's fifth position, with Magnolia and Lasuen advancing a notch. Glenn dropped two notches, from seventh to ninth, and Carbrillo after two losses last week, dropped completely out of the poll. Ivy League powerhouse Colton (13-4) moved into the 10th position to round out the roster.

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Casey Stengel

Casey Stengel, it can be reported, is back in excellent health. He also is back in his beautiful home in Glendale. The switchboard at Glendale Memorial Hospital and its mail room can rest easier. Telephone calls and a huge bundle of mail reaches him every day in the hospital. "Mr. Stengel is such a wonderful man. Amazing," said Elaine Beers, the hospital's public relations director. Stengel, who belies his 73 years, underwent recent surgery for closure of a perforated ulcer. While never in serious condition, he was placed in the intensive care ward because of his age. Interviewers asked relatively few questions at a press conference before leaving the hospital. The reason was simple. Casey didn't give anyone much time to ask a question. It was Stengeler at its finest. An executive with the New York baseball Mets, the club's first manager 10 years ago, portions of Casey's lengthy, seldom interrupted remarks involved the team. "Return to the dead baseball? Well, if I was managin' which I did for many years it would depend on the type of ball club I had and the condition of the playin' field like the wet up in San Francisco and it was hard at Dodger Stadium..." Casey is back in midseason form and the season hasn't even started.

Bill Veeck Comments On 'Czar'

Bill Veeck ruled himself out as a prospective baseball commissioner. He said Hank Greenberg would still be his No. 1 choice while Mike Burke was the one he would bet on to get the post. Veeck, former owner of three major league clubs, said ex-Detroit Tigers slugger Greenberg is "the only completely equipped man in the country for the job." Asked how he would like the job, Veeck, who recently took over operations of Suffolk Downs Race Track in Boston, said: "I think this is the only time the two leagues would ever be unanimous on anything. Zero to 24. But if it should be the reverse, I wouldn't take it. I think this is the time for unity in baseball, collectively, behind a single leadership. I'm afraid there have been too many scars given and received for me to ever get such full support." Club owners are scheduled to meet in Miami on Feb. 4 to consider election of a successor to Gen. William Eckert, who was ousted as commissioner early in December.

Torrance American Little League

Torrance American Little League and Senior Division registration has been announced by President Jay Rouse. Signups for Senior Division (13-15) will be Feb. 1 and 8 at Seaside Field. Little Leaguers (8-12) will register Feb. 8 and 15 and the field. It is located at Sharyanne Lane and Doris Way. Tryouts will be Feb. 15, 22 and March at the Little League Field and Senior Field. Boundaries for the league are the Redondo city limits on the west, Sepulveda Boulevard on the north, Hawthorne Boulevard on the east, and Pacific Coast Highway on the south.

Pacific Coast Little League

Pacific Coast now also includes a portion of San two Saturdays, Feb. 1 and 8, at Walteria Park, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. The league will take boys who will be 8 years old by Aug. 1 and not 13 before Aug. 1. League boundaries run east from Riviera and Newton schools and include Walteria and Hillside schools. Pacific coast now also includes a portion of San Levy School within Hawthorne, Carson, Maple and Lomita Boulevard. League president, Guy Lee may be reached at 325-2596.

Torrance Central Pony-Colt

The registration for Torrance Central Pony-Colt League will be next Wednesday and Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at Fern Greenwood School in Room 30. The league boundaries for Colt (15 and 16) are all of Torrance south of 190th Street to Pacific Coast Highway. Pony boundaries are 190th Street on the north, Hawthorne Boulevard on the west, Vermont Avenue on the east, and the Torrance-Lomita city limits on the south. A birth certificate and a parent to sign the application form are needed. A registration fee is \$10. Torrance Central Pony League plays at Torrance High School and has the 2-inning playing rule.

Central Torrance Little League

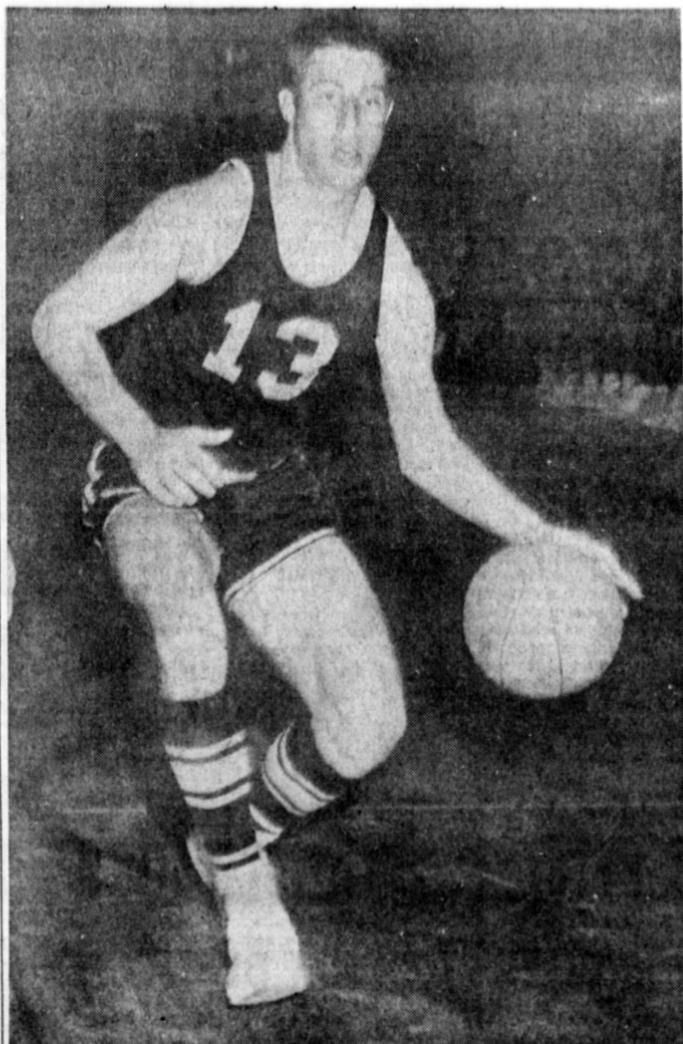
Two signups are scheduled for Torrance Central Little League and Senior Division next Monday and Tuesday at Greenwood Elementary School. Registration will be both days from 7 to 9 p.m. in Room 30. Little Leaguers 8 to 12 years of age and Senior Division players 13 to 15 will be registered. Each boy is required to have a birth certificate and be signed up by an adult.

Steeplechase Racing Card Set Sunday

J. C. Agajanian announced the opening AMA Motorcycle steeplechase racing card of 1968 at Ascot Park in Gardena will be next Sunday afternoon at 2:30 p.m. Heading the field of more than 100 riders who will compete in an 18-event T.T. card are Skip Van Leeuwen of Sherman Oaks and Dusty Coppage of Burbank. Van Leeuwen, the No. 1 T.T. rider at Ascot the last two seasons, won seven AMA races at Ascot during 1968, including the 50-lap National T.T., and the annual 100-lap Grand Prix. Coppage broke Van Leeuwen's win streak in August, and then went on to win three main events, plus finishing second in four other features. Both will ride Triumphs in Sunday afternoon's races. Other leading expert class riders expected back in action include Jack Simmons of Lakewood; Butch Landguth of San Bernardino; Gene Romero of San Luis Obispo; Dallas Baker of Orange; Bob Bailey of Carson; Eddie Wirth of Manhattan Beach; Jim Berry of Costa Mesa; Bill Manley of Long Beach; Ron Kruseman of Oxnard; and Ralph White of Torrance.

Navy's Elias May Be Hired By Notre Dame

Bill Elias, fired Navy football coach, is reported considering an offer to become chief assistant to Ara Parseghian at Notre Dame. Elias would serve as defensive coach, succeeding John Ray, who left to become head coach at Kentucky. Elias was dismissed at Navy Dec. 11, less than two weeks after Navy lost to Army 21-14 and wound up the 1968 season with a 2-8 mark—its worst in 20 years.



HIGH SCORER . . . Averaging more than 20 points a game in basketball this season is Greg Collins of Bishop Montgomery High. He will lead the Knights against Fermin Lasuen in a home game Friday night.

73-53 WIN SCORED BY TORRANCE

After taking an 18-8 lead in the first quarter, Torrance High won a 73-53 basketball game from Palos Verdes. The game was played Saturday night at North High. Coach Will Boerger's Tartars will take on Leuzinger next Friday. Morningside leads the Sky League with a 3-0 record while Torrance and Rolling Hills are 2-0. Morningside beat Leuzinger, 97-33, for its third victory. Leading Torrance to victory over P.V. were Bill Souza with 19 points and Bruce Baker with 16 rebounds.

Steve French To Compete In Tourney

Steve French, former South High School basketball player, has been selected for the second year as a member of the Lajes Air Force Base All-Star team. The base is in Arores Islands in Portugal. The basketball team will participate in the Military Airlift Command Tournament at the Altus, Oklahoma, Air Base beginning Monday. Steve is married to the former Gail Thompson, also a graduate of South High.

Is Dave Bing A Superman

David Bing, a conservatively-dressed, soft-spoken budding bank executive, is distinguished by the occasional use of glasses and the fact he's a bit taller than most of his bank associates. Check the basketball floor and you will find Bing transformed, almost "Superman" style, into a dynamo who almost can leap tall buildings in a single bounce and distinguished by the fact he's a bit shorter than most of his court associates. Banker Bing nearly needs one of his office computers to figure his accomplishments in his brief, but meteoric NBA career. A sensation in winning rookie-of-the-year honors in 1966-67, the lithe, spring-legged former Syracuse great achieved super stardom as a sophomore in 1967-68. Bing captured the NBA's scoring championship by pouring in 2,142 points, an average of 17.1 per game and won unanimous selection to the NBA All-Star team. "He's only an average shooter," appraises coach Paul Seymour, "but he's a great ball handler. His hands and quickness are his biggest assets—he's one of the greatest one-on-one players ever to come into the league." Bing's speed and ball-stealing tendencies enable him to get free on breakaways or into one-on-one situations often for easy baskets, but he also scores heavily on outside jump shots, frequently in great bursts. Bing scored 45 points against the Lakers at L.A. last March. He scored 44 points against Boston at Cobo Arena in April. He canned 43 points against the Knicks in New York in December and set club records during the season for total points (2,142), most field goals (836) and most points in a half with a sensational 37-point one-half outburst against the Boston Celtics on April 1. The statistics would indicate that the 6-foot-3, 180-pounder is a gunner, until you check the playmaking column. Bing averaged 6.4 assists per game, fourth best in the league, including a 13-assist game against Seattle and two games with a dozen successful "feeds." This year despite a series of injuries that have forced Dave to miss four games he has passed the 1,000 point barrier and rates among the top playmakers with a 7.0 per game assist average. Bing, an easy going, mild-mannered young man has become a fixture in his home town's (Washington) communal activities and often is called upon to speak at crucial times in the city's current tumultuous life.

North Leads By 2 Games

The Bay League "Game of the Week" will be on television Saturday. Arrangements have been completed for KNBC to cover the game between North and West High at the West Gym at noon on Saturday. The commentary will be provided by Ross Porter and Sandy Koufax. In day games today Hawthorne plays at Inglewood, Santa Monica at North, and Redondo at West. Mira Costa travels to South for an evening game.

Knights Fall to Bottom

The second round of the campaign gets under way Friday with South at Hawthorne, Mira Costa at Redondo, Santa Monica at Inglewood, and Saturday afternoon North at West. By winning their first six games the North High Saxons have a 2-game lead in the Bay League. They practically eliminated South High (3-3) from championship contention last Friday with an 88-83 victory in the North gym. North picked up a big bonus from Mira Costa which upset Hawthorne, 64-53, in the Michoichi gym. Coach Noel Smith of Hawthorne guided his Cougars to a 4-1 record before taking on his alma mater. Costa's little Johnny Sain was the hero with 21 points. Mira Costa remains bunched with South and West with 3-3 record. West tripped Inglewood, 73-64, as Mike Neal and Tom Sandowich scored 18 points each. Redondo (4-2), tied for second with Hawthorne, scrambled to a 64-52 win over Santa Monica. Samohi is 0-6. The North-South game was decided in the first quarter on a 31-15 explosion by the Saxons. In a game with five quarters South may have caught up, having closed the gap in each of the second, third and fourth periods. North's Jim Thomas and South's Dennis Rector both scored 31 points. South reduced the Saxons' once comfortable lead to four points with six minutes remaining and it wasn't until Art Frasquillo scored three points in the final seven seconds to put the game away. Frasquillo tallied 20 points and Dan Anderson had 17.

PASADENA LEADS IN MET RACE

Top billing in the Metropolitan Conference basketball race this week Saturday goes to conference-leading Pasadena and defending conference champion Cerritos. Two weeks ago, Cerritos was bumped off by Long Beach and thus yielded the conference lead to Pasadena. Current standings are Pasadena (5-0); Long Beach and Cerritos (4-1); Valley, Santa Monica, and Pierce (2-3); Bakersfield (1-4); El Camino (0-5). Friday's schedule is Valley at Bakersfield, Pierce at Cerritos, Long Beach at Santa Monica, El Camino at Pasadena. Saturday's games are Pasadena at Cerritos, Valley at Santa Monica, Bakersfield at El Camino, Long Beach at Pierce. The El Camino College wrestling team will meet Santa Monica City College at 3 p.m. Thursday in the Corsair Gym. Dan Felix, John Norris and Marty Harris, returned from about with the flu and had no trouble in downing Long Beach City College. With only four matches actually contested, the Tribe slammed the door in the Vikings' face for a 4-0 whitewash. Norris pinned Dave Schuck in 6:34, after building up a 31-3 margin. Harris won another one-sided match for the Warriors from LBCC's John Plovman, 18-1. Henry McErnie defeated Rob Nunn and Don Van Buskirk won a 6-5 decision from Larry Pambanco.

El Camino Wins in Wrestling

One of the hottest topics of conversation among NBA followers, writers and coaches obviously is the future destination of Lew Alcindor. Commissioner Walter Kennedy advised Chicago writers that no special college draft maneuver will be devised by the Association to determine Alcindor's future status. Despite Kennedy's explanation interested people are coming up with plans. He also hits a bucket of golf balls daily at a range in Riverside and goes back to the motel to rest and work on his mind. Many of the others are doing the same. Others are scattered all over the country; taking in banquets, watching movies, walking the dog, perhaps even speaking to their wives. All of them are beginning to think of Sunday's race again. They know it's a 500-mile on a demanding nine-turn, 2.7-mile road course and that the payoff is \$100,500. You can bet they're thinking about it.

Lew Alcindor Hot Topic In Basketball

Did you ever have to tell spouse that the family picnic was postponed a week? That's the way race driver Bobby Isaac looked when he awakened early last Sunday morning to discover for the second time the Motor Trend-Riverside 500 was delayed a week because of rain. "I felt like a sleepy hound dawg," said Isaac, "wandering around in circles, looking for a place to light and yowl." Somehow the edge is taken off anything delayed a week; a situation especially true of sports. Isaac shares the common problem of getting back "up" again for the big race. "Night before the race," recalls Isaac. "I was up so high, my crew had to strap me in bed and threaten me with a nine-pound hammer, 'fore I'd go to sleep.'" His 43 opponents next Sunday at 11 a.m. will help comprise what many consider to be the greatest field of stock car drivers assembled on one grid. If pro football players get "psyched" before the big game and even actors do mental "prep's" before the big scene, imagine the mental turmoil a race driver undergoes in the days and hours prior to a big race. "What you do," advises the Dodge charger from Catawba, N.C., "is stand around a lot and do a lot of thinking. It kinda hurts," he grins, "but you keep at it and pretty soon, you feel almost ready to go out there and face all that noise." With \$100,500 in prize money, the Motor Trend 500 qualifies as a big race. In fact, its purse is exceeded or equalled by only six other events in the racing world. "I remember I was thinking I couldn't do any worse the \$750, prize money for finishing in 44th position or last) and then remembered reading somewhere that it takes about 200,000 of them Yankee dollars to field a race car for a year. Makes a man do some more thinking." The other 43 drivers include five-time winner Dan Gurney, NASCAR champ David Pearson, USAC champ and three-time Indy winner A.J. Foyt, two-time national champion Mario Andretti, all-time seasonal money winner (\$136,000) Carl Yarborough, all-time NASCAR race winner (93) Richard Petty and '67 winner Parnelli Jones. Others include Don White, Lee Roy Yarborough, James Hylton, Al Unser, Bobby Allison and Roger McCluskey. Like Isaac, they're trying to find the competitive edge again. They're trying to re-kindle the spark which will help put them in front of the pack. Even the cars go stale. Moisture condenses everywhere on a car's mechanical components

Postponements Haunt Riverside Motor Race